

is noteworthy as regards the birds; and as Mr. Sclater has a paper on the subject of my birds, it will be better left to him.

“The *Snakes* are 7 in number; among which is a new species, a large specimen of Jukes’s Sea-snake, hitherto not found nearer New Guinea than Torres Straits, and a species of *Tropidonotus*, hitherto not found in New Guinea.

“The Death-adder I was about stepping on, so thoroughly was its colour approximated to the surrounding vegetation; and an officer who accompanied me shot it as it was raising its head to strike me.

“*Butterflies*. These I am unable to exhibit, as they are not yet set up; but it is expected that a considerable number of new species may result on examination.

“*Land-shells*. These, few in number, Messrs. Adams and Angas will determine; and I have only brought down this evening a unique *Helix* discovered by M’Gillivray, which I found on the leaves of a species of *Pandanus* in Huon Gulf.”

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Prof. P. M. Duncan, F.R.S., read the second part of his memoir on the Madreporaria dredged up during the expedition of H.M.S. ‘Porcupine’ in 1869–70. Dr. Duncan stated that the first part of this communication had been already published in the Society’s Transactions (vol. viii. p. 303), and that the present portion related to several species which were not therein mentioned. They were all simple forms, and lived in the deep sea or in shallow water. The most important species were from the Mediterranean and Atlantic off the Spanish coast. The genera *Caryophyllia*, *Paraecyathus*, *Flabellum*, and *Desmophyllum* were the best-represented.

The examination of this series of corals did not necessitate any modifications of the views expressed in the former paper regarding the peculiar form of the non-reef-building Madreporaria and the affinities of many recent species with fossils.

This paper will be published in full in the ‘Transactions.’

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The following papers were read:—

1. Remarks on some Indian and, more especially, Bornean Mammals. By Dr. A. GÜNTHER, V.P.Z.S., Keeper of the Zoological Department, British Museum.

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(Plates XXXVI., XXXVII.)

A collection of Mammals sent by Mr. Low to the British Museum from the mainland of Borneo, opposite to Labuan, contains several specimens affording additional information as regards the fauna of that island and the distribution of the species inhabiting it. As their examination necessarily involved a comparison with specimens and species from other localities, I have added those of my notes on

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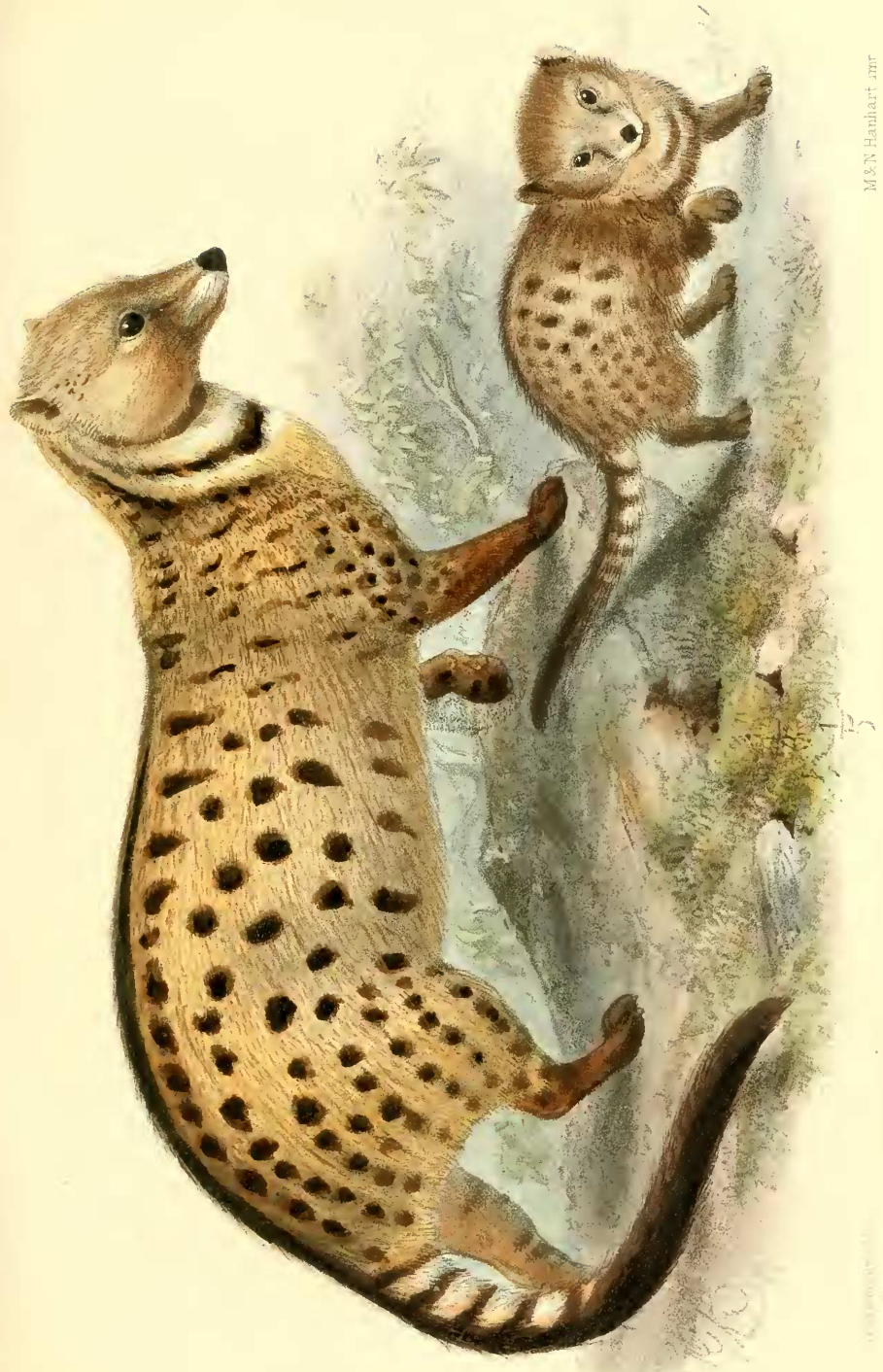


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